



Have you run into problems boarding a commercial flight?

Bryce Tappan: I've had positive responses for trace explosives in the airport, which just resulted in extra screening and questioning.

How do you feel about working in Northern New Mexico?

Margo Greenfield: Los Alamos is an amazingly beautiful area, and we are very lucky to have the Lab located here (thanks, Oppenheimer!). We have an abundance of outdoor activities (hiking, climbing, skiing, biking, fishing, the list goes on). I work in a pretty secluded area and often see wildlife (elk, deer, bobcats, coyotes, and sometimes bears) on the drive into work as well as from my office.



Do any of you ski at Pajarito Mountain?

Dan Hooks: Many of us love skiing here. In the lodge, there are copies of the original documents that founded the ski area. The first petition was signed by none other than George Kistiakowsky, the Harvard chemist who led the explosives program during the Manhattan Project. Dues were paid and meetings attended by many other familiar names: Hans Bethe, Victor Weisskopf, Nicholas Metropolis, Seth Neddermeyer, Robert Oppenheimer, even Louis Slotin and Klaus Fuchs!

On July Fourth, I bet you get to play with some big fireworks, don't you?

Dana Dattelbaum: Several of our explosives chemists have created fireworks for the entertainment industry. Just different chemicals and burn rates!

Secret City app now available

Experience the Laboratory that produced the atomic bomb

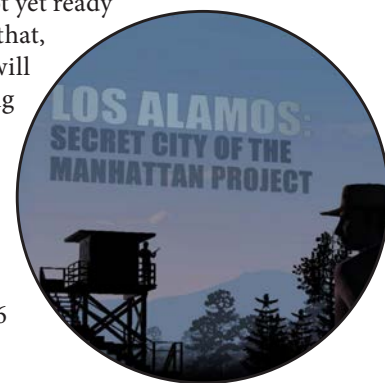
Transport yourself back in time to the Manhattan Project via the Secret City app developed by the Laboratory's Visible Team and the Bradbury Science Museum.

The free app allows users of both Apple and Android devices "to view Los Alamos from anywhere in the world, almost like a computer game," explains Laboratory historian Ellen McGehee. "You get off the train at Lamy, New Mexico; you meet Los Alamos's 'gatekeeper' Dorothy McKibbin at 109 East Palace Avenue in Santa Fe; you go up 'the Hill' to the Laboratory; as you go through town, sites in the wartime technical areas are unlocked."



Users of the app will see many of the Laboratory's original buildings that are in the new Manhattan Project National Historical Park (MPNHP) but not yet ready for public admission. The idea is that, even without full access, people will come away with an understanding of the history and legacy of this part of the Manhattan Project.

To learn more about Lab properties in MPNHP, check out "Manhattan Project National Historical Park" in the April 2016 issue of NSS.



Quoted

"We don't know how to disarm a terrorist weapon—we've never seen one." —Barry Charles, Program Director for Nuclear Counterproliferation at Los Alamos, during his TEDxLANL talk titled "Creativity Under Pressure, or Why Disarming a Terrorist Nuke is Like Defending Against Aliens in Space." Visit the Lab's YouTube channel to watch the entire talk.